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                 BRIAN D. BOYDSTON, ESQ. (Via phone)
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                                                           appearing by phone. Mr. Boydston, are you
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    On behalf of Settling Devotional Claimants:
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                                                                   JUDGE BARNETT: Oh.
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                 ARNOLD P. LUTZKER, ESQ.
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                 BENJAMIN S. STERNBERG, ESQ.
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                 Lutzker & Lutzker LLP
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                                                                   JUDGE BARNETT: Thanks.
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                                                                   MR. BOYDSTON: Good morning. Brian
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                                                          Boydston.
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                                                                   JUDGE BARNETT: Good morning,
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                                                           Mr. Boydston. It's Judge Barnett. We are
                                                           about ready to begin.
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     beginning with Mr. Olaniran and company.
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                                                              system.)
              MR. OLANIRAN: Greg Olaniran for
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     MPAA-represented Motion Picture --
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                                                              that, Mr. MacLean, when you stand up?
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     MPAA-represented Program Suppliers. I haven't
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                                                                      MR. MacLEAN: That was -- that was
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              JUDGE BARNETT: And you'll be the one
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     delivering the closing argument, will you, | |
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     Mr. Olaniran?
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              MR. OLANIRAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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                                                             reserve time for rebuttal to be followed in the
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              JUDGE BARNETT: Okay.
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              MS. PLOVNICK: Lucy Plovnick for
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                                                                      JUDGE BARNETT: And is that your
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              MS. DOMINIQUE: Aleshia Dominique for
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     MPAA-represented Program Suppliers.
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              MS. BUDRON: Dima Budron for
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     MPAA-represented Program Suppliers.
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                                                                      MR. MacLEAN: Yes, Your Honor.
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              MR. MacLEAN: Matt MacLean | |
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                                                                      JUDGE BARNETT: Okay. And we'll wait
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     representing the Settling Devotional Claimants.
                                                             to hear from Mr. Boydston that he has his
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              MR. LUTZKER: And Arnold Lutzker for
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                                                             client on-line.
     Settling Devotional Claimants,
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                                                                      MR. BOYDSTON: This is Brian Boydston,
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              MR. STERNBERG: Ben Sternberg for
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                                                             and I have now conferenced in Raul Galaz from
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     Settling Devotional Claimants.
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              MR. MEREDITH: Samuel Meredith for
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                                                                      JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you. Good
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     Settling Devotional Claimants.
                                                             morning, Mr. Galaz. Can you hear us?
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              MR. MacLEAN: Mr. Meredith is a law
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     clerk for Mr. Lutzker, and so we're very
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     pleased to have him here to observe today.
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              JUDGE BARNETT: What a lucky chap.
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And I see we have some visitors in the back.

MR. LAANE: Good morning, Your Honor.

Good to see you again. Just here as an interested observer today.

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MR. PAREKH: I'm Rohan Parekh, summer associate for Hammerman PLLC, and I'm observing as well.

JUDGE BARNETT: Okay. Welcome.

And, Mr. Boydston, you are now on the phone and have you looped in your client?

MR. BOYDSTON: I was going to, just after I introduced myself. Brian Boydston on behalf of Independent Producers Group. And if you give me about ten seconds, I will bring in Raul Galaz from International -- or, excuse me, Independent Producers Group.

JUDGE BARNETT: We will give you those ten seconds, while I ask how the appearing parties have decided to allocate time and order of presentation.

Mr. MacLean, are you reserving for rebuttal?

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ MacLEAN: If I can reserve five minutes, Your Honor.

JUDGE BARNETT: You may. Okay.
MR. MacLEAN: Thank you, Your Honor.
CLOSING ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR

SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS

MR. MacLEAN: First, I do want to say thank you for the opportunity to address your questions and concerns held over from the prior time we had this proceeding.

I do realize that there have been frustrations on both sides, yours and ours, about the pace of this case, in particular, and some of the obstacles that I will say have emerged during the case.

But I do strongly think that when we have this interchange, where the parties can know what you're thinking and try to respond to

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your concerns, I do think that is when we are at our best and can be the most focused in our presentations and the most effective in the pursuit of truth.

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In my closing, I want to basically go through thee topics. The first one, I'd first like to address why we believe that the Judges should act in accordance with prior decisions. And just as a preview, it's going to come back to our three C's, of confidence, consistency, and certainty.

Second, I'm going to focus specifically to address the questions and concerns that the Judges have raised; namely, whether -- with respect to our methodology, whether February is reliable, is a reliable basis for an award for the years 1999 through 2003, and, secondly, whether local ratings are predictive of distant viewership.

And then, finally, I'm going to come back to confidence, consistency, and certainty, and I'm going to address why we believe the Judges should not downgrade an award based solely on possible imperfections in methodology, absent evidence that those -- that

JUDGE STRICKLER: The 1998-1999 case that you're referring to is the allocation Phase I determination; is that right?

MR. MacLEAN: That's correct. And in this case, the Judges' predecessors discussed the circumstances in which the tribunal will depart from review of prior methodology in order to make changes to a methodology or to adopt a new methodology.

Nothing is written in stone. You can depart from prior determinations. But the prior determinations should be a starting point because change should be evolutionary. You are in essence governing an industry here. There are -- in the ways that the parties put together -- construct their methodologies and seek data and so forth, we do rely on prior cases.

We do -- and there are other reliance factors involved. So that's why change should be evolutionary as a general matter, and at least as a starting point, you should rely on your -- on your prior -- on your prior determinations.

Now, IPG in this case makes the same

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whatever flaws there are in a methodology are favoring the party that's presenting that methodology in some systematic way.

So, first, confidence, consistency, and certainty. As I've said before, the Judges are required by statute to act in accordance with prior determinations and the Judges have precedent on this issue from a couple of cases, but I'll point specifically to the 1998 to 1999 Phase I determination in which the Judges' predecessors made the point that the tribunal should follow -- act in accordance with prior determinations, that is to say, that includes methodological determinations, except in two circumstances.

One, if there are changed circumstances from a prior proceeding, or, two, if there's evidence on the record before them that requires prior conclusions to be modified. And in this case, we absolutely do not have any evidence on the record that would require your prior cases relating to use of viewership in Phase II circumstances to be revisited. And, in fact, IPG has presented no affirmative evidence on the record at all.

point. On pages 50 through 55 of IPG's proposed conclusions of law, which I must say was an absolute tour de force and excellently written, we couldn't have said it better ourselves.

In fact, we didn't say it better ourselves when we wrote the exact same six pages in our proposed conclusions of law from the allocation phase that we just recently had.

So that remarkably even though they went through all the trouble of signing their name to our work, they didn't take the next step to actually discuss any of the actual precedents, the actual prior determinations in the Phase II context in which the Judges have adopted viewership or viewership-based methodologies as a distribution methodology.

JUDGE STRICKLER: So it wasn't immediately evident, but your tour de force comment was with your tongue in your cheek; is that right?

MR. MacLEAN: I think it would be fair to say, Your Honor.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Okay. It was very well disquised.

MR. MacLEAN: Thank you. JUDGE STRICKLER: I don't know that that was a compliment, but okay. MR. MacLEAN: IPG did not go on to discuss those very -- the very prior determinations that we would propose that the Judges follow. Those determinations, I'm thinking primarily about the 2000-2003 case, in which the Judges adopted a methodology very similar to the one MPAA has proposed in this case, and the Judges' decision in the 1999 cable case, in which a methodology was adopted that is very similar to the methodology that we are proposing, that the SDC are proposing in this case. So -- and, of course, those -- those determinations, with respect to viewership-based methodologies, were both affirmed by the D.C. Circuit. So those are the precedents that we believe the Judges should follow in this case. And, of course, IPG has presented no other methodology, no rebuttal

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quarter-hour-level estimates or broadcast-level estimates. And it's not true that that was revealed at the first time in the -- in the proceeding. It's right in Dr. Erdem's written direct statement, Exhibit 7000 at pages 13 to

And he gives -- he explains that and he also gives reasons why. And, in short, you can think of it like this: Which subscriber is the cable system going to value more, the subscriber who watches four hours of programming every evening, every day of the week, or the subscriber that watches an hour every Sunday morning? Which one is the cable system going to value more?

And if you think about it -- and which of those two subscribers is more likely to drop their subscription if there's a change in the program line-up? And if you think about it, you'll see it's just not plausible that a four-hour -- that the four-hour-per-day television watching subscriber is 28 times as valuable as the one-hour-a-day or one-hour-per-Sunday watching subscriber.

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Judges' questions, the SDC methodology, we want to make clear, our methodology, although like MPAA's methodology, is based on -- ultimately on estimates of local viewership, is not MPAA's methodology. It's more similar, as I said, to the methodology that was adopted in the 1999 cable case.

case to the methodologies that have been

presented in this case.

So now to focus on our answers to the

And just to review, our methodology is based on average local ratings from the reports on Devotional programming, scaled by the number of distant subscribers. It's a classic value times volume approach.

JUDGE STRICKLER: When you mention 1998-'99 now, are you still referring to the Phase I allocation or are you now referring to Phase II?

MR. MacLEAN: I should have said 1999 Cable Phase II.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Thank you. MR. MacLEAN: That's the decision I'm referring to in this context.

Now, IPG, IPG claims in its findings of fact and conclusions of law that Dr. | Erdem | revealed for the first time at the hearing that we're not using -- unlike MPAA, we're not using

think that either the length of the programs or the -- or the frequency with which the programs are aired, provided that they are on on a regular, predictable basis, is the -- is the relevant measure of volume. Rather, we would look at the popularity of a program within a genre as a measure of how likely it is that those -- that program is attracting and retaining subscribers.

So to get to the Judges' questions, your first question, is February -- because we only have the full RODPs for February of 1999 through 2003, whether that's predictive of other sweep months.

So it is true that we only -- we still only use the February reports for 1999 through 2003 because we don't have -- because where we only have the R-7 summaries, we don't have the details backing them up that Dr. Erdem does use them in some cases.

Again, IPG says this was only revealed for the first time at the hearing. Absolutely not true. It's on page 17 of Dr. Erdem's written direct testimony, and also on page 21 of the written direct testimony, Dr. Erdem

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presents alternative sensitivity tests in which he shows what would have happened if we had used all of our R-7 pages from all the months in those years and another sensitivity test in which he shows how the results would have differed if we only used February reports for all years at issue in this proceeding.

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So not only did we -- was it clearly set forth in the testimony, he also presents these sensitivity tests.

We made a comprehensive search to try to answer the Judges' questions. We made a comprehensive search for data. We looked everywhere we could look. We -- if there is anything else out there, it is simply not accessible to us.

We now have either the full -- the full RODP or at least the R-7 summary pages for all sweep months throughout these entire years covered by this proceeding, except for eight. So all but eight sweep months we have covered either by a full RODP or the R-7 pages.

And Dr. Erdem has presented multiple analyses showing that February -- that the ratings are -- remain relatively stable over

programs that are claimed or, more accurately, all program titles that are claimed in these proceedings, but the bottom line is there is simply no evidence of value of those SDC and IPG programs that don't appear in the RODPs. They are predominantly specials, other one-off programs that are not scheduled on a regular basis.

And you can think about it this way: If I'm a participant in the market and I go to a cable system operator saying, hey, listen, I've got a program to sell you. Now, I don't know when it's going to be on or even if it's going to be on, I don't know if anybody actually watches it, but, hey, it has got a great title. So do you want to buy it? He's going to tell me to get lost.

Absence of information in this context is absence of value because what are you selling if you have no information? So we're not going to speculate as to the value of these programs that are not scheduled on a regular basis.

If there were evidence of value, this

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time, that February is predictive of later months of the year, and, of course, he has presented the sensitivity test that I've just described.

And bottom line is there just isn't more data out there for these -- for these years, or if it is, it's not in our -- in our reach. IPG has presented no analysis, no rebuttal to Dr. Erdem's analyses here.

Your second question was whether local ratings are predictive of distant viewing.

The first point I want to make here is that with respect to our local ratings, the ratings that are in our RODPs, we do not have a critical lack of data. We have the -- our local ratings, our average local ratings cover the universe of stations, the universe of markets. We don't -- we don't conduct our own regressions to try to project local ratings.

We're using the actual data, the actual Nielsen reports that are used in the markets. And these are the actual, the actual ratings that are used by participants in the markets.

It is true that we do not have all

was IPG's opportunity to present it. They didn't present any evidence of value. And we're not going to speculate. We don't think IPG should speculate. And we don't think that the Judges should speculate either.

And, of course, in the Judges' 1999 cable Phase II decision, this is what the Judges said too, there is no basis for an award absent any evidence of viewing. And that's exactly what we have with respect to these one-off programs that don't appear in the RODPs.

So that's our local viewing information. Our distant viewing information -- I'm going to acknowledge right off the bat -- it's good; it's not great, okay? We've always acknowledge the limitations of these HHVH studies. Most notably, the limitation that it's based on a non-random station sample, which we've always acknowledged is a problem.

Now, that being said, we don't buy at all this zero viewing criticism that IPG raises perennially. There is a problem if you've got missing data that you're -- that you're not correctly distinguishing from zeros, but zeros

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are actually data points that can be used effectively.
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And this -- and when we're dealing with sweep data, which is what the HHVH data is, we're not -- we don't have a missing data problem because every single market has an adequate sample size to measure local viewing in that market.

So zeros are real data points. We don't buy that argument. Still, we recognize there are limitations in the distant viewing data we have, which is precisely why we don't rely principally on that distant viewing data. We rely principally on our industry experts, Ms. Berlin, an expert in cable and satellite programming who worked for DISH satellite company, and Mr. Sanders, an expert appraiser, who has been involved in thousands of appraisals for his decades of experience.

And these are industry professionals who make judgments of value based on information such as we rely on, and they have testified, yes, you can predict how a program will perform in one market based on performance in its local market. That's particularly true

agree that within a niche category of programming, you can rely on viewership as a measure of relative value, and they also both agree that you can use viewership in one market, in a local market, to predict value and viewership in another market, especially if it's, as typically is in the case here, a neighboring market.

So back here to data analysis, because that's what your question focused on, we've now — we now have distant viewing data, the HHVH distant viewing data, sweeps data for every year, 1999 through 2003. After 2003, it is simply not available. It's not accessible to us.

Now -- and there is no more reliable distant viewing sweeps data that we can get. Now, MPAA, I have to -- I was a little surprised in MPAA's response. They -- they do take us to task a little bit, and now I have to respond to it.

MPAA responds by saying their National People Meter data covers all markets. And I need to -- I'm going to try to address this point with a single five-syllable word. And

with regard to what is predominantly neighboring markets. So we rely principally on Ms. Berlin and Mr. Sanders.

By the way, while we're on the subject of expertise of Mr. Sanders, IPG complains, well, he has never advised a cable system on whether to acquire a distant signal. That's completely beside the point. Mr. Sanders is not a programmer. Mr. Sanders is an appraiser. To be an appraiser in an industry, you have to understand some things about that industry. But that doesn't mean that you've used an appraiser to make programming decisions.

Think about this: If you're -- are you going to hire a home appraiser to design your kitchen? No. A home appraiser needs to know something about kitchen design, but there's another profession of people who will design kitchens for you. Same thing here. Mr. Sanders is an appraiser. He specializes in assessing value of media assets, including television programming.

We have Ms. Berlin who is our programmer, our programming expert, and she has testified too that -- and both of these experts

that word is geo-stratified.

And, Brian, for the record, I'm holding up a sign that says geo-stratified on it.

And this is addressed in -- in the transcript on page 362. And, basically, in a geo-stratified sample, such as what is used in the National People Meter sample, and I'm quoting here, "some geographical areas would be included and other geographical areas only have a chance to be included."

So it is misleading to say that National People Meter data is available in all markets. All markets are included in the sampling process, but the geo-stratified sample is going to have instances of missing -- of missing data for some stations.

So on this limited, very limited, point, IPG is sort of right. It is a non-random sample, non-random on a geographical basis. And so we are not going to be using National People Meter data in our own presentation of our viewership study.

JUDGE STRICKLER: You said IPG; wasn't that right? I thought you said this was an

Docket Nos. 2012-6 CRB CD (2004-2009) (Phase II) and 2012-7 CRB SD (1999-2009) (Phase II) 518 520 MPAA criticism. 1 methodology, absent evidence that that 1 2 2 methodology is presented in such a way to MR. MacLEAN: No. I'm saying IPG on benefit the party that presented it. 3 this one point. 3 4 JUDGE STRICKLER: On that point? 4 Our methodology is simple. There may 5 MR. MacLEAN: On their criticism of 5 be an instinct that we're trying to model a MPAA's. I do agree with IPG, it is a complex market, and that that, therefore, 6 requires a complex methodology. But I'm going 7 non-random. It is a non-random sample, 7 8 non-random on a geographical basis, because of 8 to submit to you that the opposite is true. this geo-stratification of the NPM sample. 9 A simple methodology that makes sense 9 10 10 There may be other issues with the but that comports with common sense, that 11 National People Meter data. I'm not going to 11 comports with appraisal practices, is more get into them. This was sufficient for us to 12 fair, more predictable, more certain, and less 12 13 say, okay, this is not, you know, data that 13 susceptible to manipulation and bias than 14 14 we're going to be able to use effectively with something more complex. 15 15 And we do think we've got a good, our methodology. 16 16 So back to confidence, consistency, sensible methodology that the Judges -- that 17 certainty. Our methodology is good. We have a 17 can give us a level of predictability of how 18 good methodology. It is absolutely consistent 18 the Judges are going to address this in the 19 19 future, and once we have that level of with precedent. 20 20 predictability, you're going to see these cases We would ask you -- of course, we 21 21 recognize it's not perfect because no settle a lot more often. 22 methodology that you're ever going to be 22 So the SDC requests that you -- you 23 23 presented is perfect. And there are going to know, one quick thing I should say, I did make 24 be flaws that people can point to. 24 a mistake. Ms. Berlin was employed by DirecTV 25 25 But what I'm going to ask you is not and not DISH. I'm sorry, I confused the two. 519 1 to put your thumb on the scales. Even though 1 So, anyway, I want to, before I close out, I our methodology isn't perfect, it is good, and 2 want to correct that. 2 3 it is the best that we could do. We've done a 3 I think I still have a couple of 4 comprehensive job in trying to get everything 4 minutes left, so I'd be happy to discuss 5 5 Shapley value if anybody would like to. No? to you. 6 And, most importantly, we've been very 6 Okav. 7 7 -- our methodology is very understandable. So, well, let me just say this on 8 It's very transparent. And it's easy to 8 Shapley value: This is something that you've requested before, and we've done our best. explain. 9 9 10 Absent evidence that we have done 10 It's not really possible to calculate a Shapley 11 something to manipulate our methodology, for 11 value, but we can predict certain features. 12 example through a selection of a model or 12 And with a homogeneous -- a homogeneous 13 category of programming, we have presented 13 selection of a data source, or in the absence of some evidence that our -- or in the absence 14 evidence, and we've presented evidence again in 14 15 this proceeding, that the Shapley valuation 15 of some evidence that our methodology systematically overstates our shares, it would 16 would predict that the higher-rated programs 16 17 within a homogeneous category of programs are 17 not be -- it would not yield confidence, 18 consistency, and certainty to try to downgrade 18 going to be under-valued by a viewership 19 methodology. 19 it solely on that basis, solely on -- you know, 20 without evidence that it's benefitting us in And for this reason, the viewership 20 21 methodology that we've presented is a floor for 21 some way.

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It's not Shapley valuation, but it's a

So that evidence is in the record.

522 you can rely upon for allocation of royalties prediction based on Shapley valuation. 1 2 for '04 through '09 cable royalty funds and '00 2 And so that's another reason why we do 3 not believe the Judges should reduce our award through '09 satellite royalty funds. based solely on perceived flaws in our On May 4th, 2016, you issued an order 4 4 5 methodology, absent evidence that those flaws 5 reopening the record and scheduling further 6 are benefitting us in some systematic way. 6 proceedings for this allocation phase, and as 7 So, finally, the SDC for these reasons 7 we understood your ruling in that order, your requests that you enter the proposed cable and concern was not so much with MPAA's 8 8 methodological approach as it was with the data satellite awards that are listed in Ġ 9 10 10 Mr. Sanders' direct testimony, page 22 of that supported the results that we proposed 11 Exhibit 7001. They are also set forth in the 11 that allocation be based on. conclusions of our proposed findings of fact 12 12 Specifically, you said that without 13 and conclusions of law. 13 either contemporaneous data or competent 14 JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you, 14 evidence that could persuade the Judges that 15 Mr. MacLean. 15 such data are not needed to produce reliable 16 results from our methodology, that you could 16 MR. MacLEAN: Thank you. 17 17 not rely on the record that was before you in JUDGE BARNETT: You have seven minutes 18 reserved for rebuttal. 18 that earlier proceeding. MR. MacLEAN: Thank you. 19 19 We now believe that -- although JUDGE BARNETT: Good morning, Dr. Gray said in that proceeding that he 20 20 21 Mr. Olaniran. Are you reserving time for 21 thought his -- the results of his methodology 22 rebuttal? 22 were reliable, we now believe we've answered 23 23 MR. OLANIRAN: Yes, Your Honor, I'll the question that you raised in that May 4, 24 24 2016 order to satisfy you completely. reserve about 15 minutes. 25 JUDGE BARNETT: Fifteen? 25 So my objective today, to keep it very 525 simple, I will go through the evidence that we 1 MR. OLANIRAN: Yes. 2 2 JUDGE BARNETT: Okay. now have in this proceeding, and the question 3 after that in terms of -- at least in terms of MR. OLANIRAN: If needed. 3 CLOSING ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR my remark is whether or not the evidence we now 5 5

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MPAA-REPRESENTED PROGRAM SUPPLIERS MR. OLANIRAN: Good morning, again, Your Honors. My name is Greg Olaniran, and I represent MPAA-represented Program Suppliers. MPAA-represented Program Suppliers are a subset of the Program Suppliers category. And the group is, in fact, the largest subset of the Program Suppliers category, consisting not only of the MPAA-represented MPAA members companies but also includes producers and syndicators of television programming, series, movies, non-sports, non-team sports programming, and so on and so forth. And the number of the rightsholders that we represent directly and indirectly and the breadth of the rightsholders' claims is well documented in the record in this proceeding, so I won't bore you with those

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have satisfies the questions that you raised, the criteria that you set in the May 4 order.

Methodologically, our approach in this further proceeding versus in the early proceeding is substantially -- our approaches are substantially similar. Our position here as with the initial proceeding is that the relative marketplace value standard is the standard for allocating royalties, the royalties in question.

Also, through Dr. Gray's testimony -excuse me -- we have presented evidence as we did earlier, in the earlier proceeding, that viewership is a proxy for marketplace value. And, logically, we also believe that relative viewership is a proxy for relative marketplace value.

Moreover, you have adopted viewing-based methodology for allocating rovalties in the 2000-2003 Phase II or allocation proceeding, as it's now known. You

found that distant viewership can be a reasonable and directly measurable metric for calculating relative market value of distantly retransmitted programs.

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As we did in the earlier proceeding, for each year at issue, Dr. Gray performed a multiple regression analysis, estimated the distant viewing of every program claimed by IPG and MPAA. He then aggregated those distant viewing measurements to calculate the relative viewing shares between MPAA and IPG.

So to perform his analysis, Dr. Gray relied on four data sources, as I believe he did in the earlier proceeding. For this proceeding he relied on Cable Data Corporation data, he relied on the Gracenote programming data, he relied on the CRTC logs, which are the Canadian Radio and Television and Telecommunications programming logs, and then he relied on various sets of Nielsen data.

The CDC data provided information about cable systems and satellite operators that retransmitted distant signals during the royalty years in question. The information included the call signs that were distantly

Dr. Gray use his CRTC logs to eliminate from consideration the programs that are of Canadian origin because those programs are not compensable within the Program Suppliers category.

And the last data source that Dr. -perhaps the most important data source that Dr. Gray used were the different sets of Nielsen data. He used three different Nielsen -- three different types of Nielsen data.

The first was he relied on -- he used the 2000 through 2003 distant viewing diary data for cable and satellite retransmitted stations. I think he had available to him, as we did earlier, the first quarter of 2004 diary data for satellite, which he also used.

And then he used the -- we -following the order, we requested additional data from Nielsen. And so for 2008, we had distant viewing metered data for cable and satellite, and then for 2009 we had distant viewing data for cable and satellite. So we had four additional sets of data.

And then as Dr. Grav also did in 2000 -- I mean in the earlier proceeding, we have

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retransmitted by each CSO and each satellite carrier, the type of station, whether it's commercial educational, network, or independent, the number of subscribers that each station reached, royalty fees, and so on and so forth.

Dr. Gray used the CDC data to select the samples for each year in each delivery system for the years in question.

He then also utilized the Gracenote data. And the Gracenote data provided information on every program that was on each of the samples that Dr. Gray selected.

The information included in the Gracenote data included the start time of the program, the duration of the program, the title of the program, the title of the episode in some cases, the program type, and all -- and other detailed information.

And so Dr. Gray used that, used the Gracenote programming data to identify titles by MPAA and IPG, and he used certain characteristics of the program data to -- as inputs into his regression analysis.

And with respect to the CRTC logs,

local ratings data for 2000 through 2009. 1

> Now, just a word about Nielsen, which -- it's really the cornerstone, Nielsen data is the cornerstone of MPAA's analysis.

> The custom analysis is the custom analysis of an existing database of -- that Nielsen had. And it is probably the most direct information, at least in our view, the most reliable information that you can get to do -- to the extent that you commit to using viewing, to using viewing as your methodology. We -- in our view, we think it is the most reliable information you can get, the National People Meter, to get an extract of the National People Meter based on what we're trying to accomplish.

> And the second point is that Mr. Lindstrom has worked at Nielsen for 30-plus years and for the better part of his career. And he is -- at least within this proceeding, in our view, he is the most articulate and he is the highest authority on all things Nielsen viewing with regard to the issues that are present in this proceeding.

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JUDGE BARNETT: And now he's retired. What are you going to do?

MR. OLANIRAN: He's still with us. (Laughter.)

MR. OLANIRAN: And he is -- he is solidly behind the use of National People Meter. And as he said, it is far -- it is the most -- in the industry, it is generally known as the most superior method of collecting data on audience measurement.

So to the extent that there are criticisms of the Nielsen data, whether it's sufficient or insufficient, whether it leaves some markets or doesn't include certain markets, it is on our -- upon our discussion with Mr. Nielsen -- I mean -- I keep calling him Mr. Nielsen; he might as well be --Mr. Lindstrom, that he said in his testimony that he recommended the NPM because he thought it was the most superior way to accomplish what we explained to him that we wanted to accomplish with regard to Nielsen data. So I just -- I would urge you to

data. So it was, in fact -- for that reason also, it was important -- it was more -- it made more sense to use the metered data.

Now, with respect to using just '08 and '09 data, as Mr. Lindstrom testified, Nielsen had been going through some changes. They had evolved in terms of their data collection methods. There was or there would have been or there was a problem actually accessing data going back to access data prior to 2008, one, because they just weren't supporting some of the databases that existed, and they had data retention issues such that while -- I think Mr. Lindstrom talked about the fact that you would have had to write software to create something that could reach far back or could extract data from wherever it was hidden, but it would have been -- it may not have been impossible. For the time line that we were facing with regard to responding to the issues in the order, I think '08 and '09 were as best as we could offer, which I think, given the results, we would say that, in fact, it should satisfy the concerns that you had, that you articulated in the May 4th order.

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consider that, the depth of that expertise and his experience, and -- when evaluating the criticisms of Nielsen data, which it's not perfect, but it's about as good as it gets for the purposes of this proceeding.

So with regard to the use of the 2000 through 2003 data, at the time that the data was extracted, the diaries actually had a -there was a full national sample for the diaries at that time according to Mr. Lindstrom's testimony. So that was way better than using meters at least during that -- during the period. I think at that point there were 400,000 diaries versus 5,000 meters at that point. So the meters had not really come into play at that point.

Again, with respect to the National People Meter, as I said, it is considered in the industry the superior method for collecting viewing data because they run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

And, in addition to that, by the 2008/2009 time frame, the number of meters in all of the different markets had quadrupled and there was a dissipation in the use of the diary

So then Dr. Gray -- sort of using all of the data available, including the additional data, Dr. Gray performed multiple regression analysis to establish a mathematical relationship between distant viewing and local rating, as well as with the other variables, including the time of day of the program aired, the number of distant subscribers, program station affiliation, et cetera.

And he then, you know, used that mathematical relationship -- those mathematical relationships to then predict distant viewing for every single program for every year for all of the years in question.

JUDGE STRICKLER: How do you respond to the criticism that he replaced actual distant viewing with projected distant viewing from his regression? Because he did have some actual distant viewing, as you just pointed out, but when he did his actual shares, he substituted the actual distant viewing and instead he used the projection.

How do you respond to the criticism that that was inappropriate?

MR. OLANIRAN: Well, I think -- Your

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Honor, I think that's a criticism that has been raised not only in this proceeding and in other proceedings, but that actually makes sense because --

JUDGE STRICKLER: Not the criticism but what he did, you mean?

MR. OLANIRAN: Right. Thank you.

JUDGE STRICKLER: I just want to make sure the record is clear as well as my own understanding.

MR. OLANIRAN: That approach actually makes sense because the objective of the regression is to project to the population. So when you have a projection that covers everybody and then you start supplanting -- you start sort of divvying up between the data that already existed versus -- the viewing that already -- that he got, which is about 6 percent, I think, for those that don't count, zero beyond those observations, versus the methodological -- the methodology that predicts for the entire population.

Actually I think it seems to make sense because once you separate that data, I think the regression then doesn't work.

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So unless you actually figure out a way -- and I'm not a regression expert -- unless you actually figure out a way to distinguish between actual data in the regression process itself and predict projected data, then I think it's -- it probably makes sense the way that he did it. And so --

JUDGE STRICKLER: Thank you.

MR. OLANIRAN: But so -- I mean, going back to the end result of Dr. Gray's effort was to predict the -- what we're proposing as the allocations for -- allocations in cable and

allocations for -- a satellite for MPAA.

And just briefly looking at those results for cable respectively for '04 through '09, it's 99.6 percent and 99.6 percent, 99.34 percent, 99.44 percent, 99.28 percent, and 99.44 percent.

And then with respect to satellite funds, we are requesting 99.54, 99. -- from 2000 through 2009 respectively, 99.54 percent, 99.75 percent, 99.74 percent, 99.65 percent, 99.87 percent, 99.73 percent, 99.65 percent, 99.77 percent, and 99.78 percent, and

And you'd have to sort of distinguish in that regression somehow between the existing data versus the data that you've predicted, because then you don't have a prediction. I don't know if that makes --

JUDGE STRICKLER: That does answer the question, but it leads me to another question. Maybe you can refresh my recollection based on the record.

Did Dr. Gray or anyone else do anything in the nature of a sensitivity analysis; that is to say, compare what the actual distant viewing was, where he had distant data, compared to what his projection showed in those areas?

MR. OLANIRAN: I see where you're going with it, but I don't think he did.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Did anyone else, as

you --

MR. OLANIRAN: I don't think anyone else in this proceeding did such an analysis. But, again, it goes to the same point, which is you basically have — what he's trying to do is project distant viewing for the population. And he has a very limited amount of data to do

1 99.57 percent. A lot of 99s.

Clearly, MPAA's -- the value, the relative marketplace value of MPAA's programming is far superior to IPG's. And there are other statistics that essentially bear -- that are also in the record that bear this out with respect to the extremely high marketplace value of MPAA-represented programs.

So if you look at the number of compensable programs, for example, for cable from '04 through '09, on average there were 36 times as many MPAA programs as IPG's on stations retransmitted by CSOs.

For satellite from 2000 through '09, on average, there were 48 times as many MPAA programs. If you look at the number of claimed retransmissions in cable on average MPAA claimed program was retransmitted about 17 times by CSO while IPG's was retransmitted about 12 times.

If you look at satellite, the comparable numbers are 17 times versus 8 times. If you look at the volume of programming, for cable, MPAA's programs are between 97 and a half percent on the low end to 98 .63 percent.

Docket Nos. 2012-6 CRB CD (2004-2009) (Phase II) and 2012-7 CRB SD (1999-2009) (Phase II) 538 540 1 And for satellite MPAA, again, was between 1 So we have those. And what the effect 2 98.72 percent and 99.40 percent on the higher of the additional data is to give us more 3 observations, which, I think, is at the heart of your concern. So we now have additional So the statistics establish without a 4 doubt that -- the overwhelming high marketplace 5 observations. value of MPAA's programs relative to IPG's. For cable, the number of cable So the remaining question is whether 7 observations from the initial proceeding to or not the data we now have in this record 8 this one, I think in the initial proceeding it 9 actually satisfy the questions you raised, 9 was about 1.68 million observations. In this which is, one, do we now have contemporaneous 10 proceeding, it is now up to 3.86 million 10 11 data and, two, do we have persuasive, competent 11 observations. 12 evidence that says that we don't need 12 I don't have the precise number for 13 contemporaneous data, that Dr. Gray's initial 13 satellite, but Dr. Gray's testimony was that 14 earlier analysis was actually reliable? 14 satellite was in the same order of magnitude. 15 Understanding --15 So we have more data. And because it's '08, 16 JUDGE BARNETT: I'm sorry. | | 16 '09, and notwithstanding the fact that we 17 Mr. Boydston or Mr. Galaz, could you mute your 17 couldn't get the years prior, but we have a ton 18 phones? We're getting some interference. 18 more observations, which I think satisfies the 19 MR. BOYDSTON: Yes. It was not coming 19 first prong that the order requires us to do. 20 20 Second, the second question is whether from my spot, but yes. JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you very much. 21 21 or not there's persuasive, competent evidence 22 MR. BOYDSTON: I'm sitting in a single 22 that the results were reliable in the first 23 spot. Your Honor, I think that some of the 23 24 times it sounds like it was microphones being 24 Interestingly, our first question 25 25 bumped -helps answer the second question because if you 539 1 JUDGE BARNETT: Yes. 1 look at Dr. Gray's results in the first 2 MR. BOYDSTON: -- in the courtroom 2 analysis versus the results of this analysis 1 1 1 3 with the additional data, they're actually there. JUDGE BARNETT: Well, no one is moving fairly comparable. 4 in the courtroom either. So it must be sun 5 If I may, I have a demonstrative -flares. Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Olaniran. 6 demonstrative exhibit that makes that point. I 6 7 7 MR. OLANIRAN: And what I was saying, miss the days of the ELMO. having gone through the record we now have, the 8 JUDGE BARNETT: Have you shared those additional record we now have, so the remaining 9 9 demonstratives with Mr. Boydston? 10 question is whether, based on the May 4 order, 10 MR. OLANIRAN: Yes. Well, that's 11 you have -- we now have contemporaneous -- some 11 interesting. We were not aware that 12 contemporaneous evidence or whether that's 12 Mr. Boydston would not be appearing. It's page 13 persuasive, competent evidence that suggests 13 28 of our proposed findings. 14 that maybe we didn't need additional evidence, 14 JUDGE BARNETT: Okay. 15 additional data to start with. 15 MR. OLANIRAN: Which we filed on May 16 JUDGE BARNETT: Except we wanted it. 16 8th. 17 MR. OLANIRAN: Yeah. Well, we 17 JUDGE BARNETT: So, Mr. Boydston, what 18 answered both questions, actually, with the 18 Mr. Olaniran is proposing as a demonstrative 19 additional information that we now have in this 19 exhibit is found on page 28 of MPAA's proposed 20 20 further proceeding. findings. 21 First, as I said earlier, we now have 21 MR. OLANIRAN: That's correct, Your 22 data -- we have four different sets of data for 22 Honor. 23 cable, '08 and '09 custom analysis from 23 MR. BOYDSTON: Yes, thank you.

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MR. OLANIRAN: May I approach, Your

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Docket Nos. 2012-6 CRB CD (2004-2009) (Phase II) and 2012-7 CRB SD (1999-2009) (Phase II) 544 JUDGE BARNETT: You may. 1 are on deposit with the Copyright Office, 1 2 2 MR. OLANIRAN: So I was saying that that's enough money to talk about, that that's 3 the additional data actually helps answer the 3 a serious amount of money; even though it seems 4 second question as to whether or not we needed 4 like an infinitesimal percentage, it translates 5 to perform -- we needed to add contemporaneous 5 to quite a few dollars? MR. OLANIRAN: I think that's a fair 6 data. 6 7 And if you recall, Dr. Gray's 7 point. But the general point, I think, from 8 testimony in the earlier proceeding was that he our viewpoint, is that these are estimates. 8 was fairly confident that the results would not 9 9 And we're working on -- we used a sample, and -- would not be significantly affected. And if 10 when there's a sample -- when there's samples 10 11 you just simply looked at -- if you look at 11 involved, it's not unusual to have variations. 12 2004 for cable, for example, you know, in the 12 And so -- but, again, as I said, we 13 initial proceeding we proposed 99.59 percent 13 appreciate the questions, and we went back and 14 share and the updated proceeding, we 14 dug deep and worked hard to satisfy your 15 proposed -- it came to 99.60. 15 questions. And I think we've been able to 16 And, you know -- and if you look at 16 satisfy the questions that you raised. 17 the subsequent years, they're very similar. In 17 JUDGE STRICKLER: In looking at your 18 '05, cable, the initial proceeding was 99.55. 18 demonstrative that comes out of Dr. Gray's And the updated data -- and the augmented data 19 written direct testimony, am I correct that the 19 20 is 99.6. And so on and so forth. 20 difference between 100 percent and the figures 21 If you look at satellite, it's fairly 21 on the bottom -- let's take the average line 22 22 similar numbers. For 2000 satellite, for a moment; that reflects the share that you 23 23 Dr. Gray's proposed shares was 99.65 in the recommend goes to IPG, correct, out of this initial proceeding. Here it's 99.54. In 2001 24 24 category? 25 25 it's 99.77 in the initial versus 99.75 in the MR. OLANIRAN: That's correct, Your 543 545 1 1 updated. Honor. And if you go through all of the 2 2 JUDGE STRICKLER: So, initially, for 3 years, you know, the numbers are substantially 3 example, for cable, then it would similar. On average, the initial cable was be .61 percent was -- you understood to be 4 4 99.39; for the updated numbers, it's 99.45. attributable to IPG in terms of relative value? 5 5 6 And then on satellite, very similar comparison. 6 And under the cable updated, it went down 7 7 The initial was 99.73 and the updated is 99.71. to .55, just doing the simple math of 100 minus So with regard -- so Dr. Gray had 8 8 those percentages. testified initially that he didn't think the 9 MR. OLANIRAN: For --9 10 10 results would change substantially. He thought JUDGE STRICKLER: For cable initial --11 the results would be consistent, even with 11 MR. OLANIRAN: Oh, I see. 12 JUDGE STRICKLER: -- 100 minus 99.39, 12 additional data. 13 13 And we think this is sufficient would be .61. evidence that confirms his earlier testimony, 14 MR. OLANIRAN: Right. 14 15 15 even though we appreciate your raising that JUDGE STRICKLER: So that would be the question, but, however, why we may have 16 relative value or relative share that you would 16 17 disagreed that we didn't have to do it, but it 17 recommend for IPG, right? 18 does help to have this on the record to make 18 MR. OLANIRAN: That's correct. 19 JUDGE STRICKLER: And that has now 19 sure that it's -- that Dr. Gray's work both 20 gone down with the updated to .55. 20 earlier and now are reliable. MR. OLANIRAN: That's correct. 21 JUDGE BARNETT: Mr. Olaniran, you will 21 22 JUDGE STRICKLER: So it has gone down 22 acknowledge, will you not, that six

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MR. OLANIRAN: Yes.

1 JUDGE STRICKLER: And, similarly, same credible witnesses like Mr. Lindstrom and 1 2 Dr. Gray. 2 analysis, but looking at it from the satellite 3 3 side, it goes in the other direction. You have And I say all that to say that to the -- it goes from .27 percent for satellite extent IPG -- and it's the only information 4 that is presented, which is the proposed 5 initial to .29, so you actually show roughly a 5 6 10 percent increase in satellite share based on 6 findings, that IPG set forth in the proposed 7 7 findings, we urge the Judges to disregard IPG's your updated. 8 8 MR. OLANIRAN: That's correct. proposed findings. 9 JUDGE STRICKLER: Okay. Thanks. 9 And with that, I ask the Judges to 10 MR. OLANIRAN: It attempts to increase 10 accept the results of the regression analysis 11 11 that I just discussed and allocate MPAA and IPG for IPG. 12 12 shares as we have proposed. And, again, as JUDGE STRICKLER: I meant for IPG if I 13 didn't say that. 13 with Mr. -- as Mr. MacLean said, I want to 14 thank the Judges for the time and going through 14 MR. OLANIRAN: So... I just need 15 this again, this further proceeding with us. I 15 probably 30 seconds to make some remarks about 16 16 IPG's presentation or lack thereof. know it has been challenging all the way 17 17 around, but I appreciate, as always, the IPG has no witness in this proceeding, 18 no testimony in this proceeding. There's no 18 Judges' patience with our presentation. Thank 19 information, no affirmative presentation of 19 you very much. 20 evidence in this proceeding that you can rely 20 JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you, on to make an allocation to IPG. 21 21 Mr. Olaniran. I believe you have now 25 22 To the extent IPG has criticized 22 minutes for rebuttal. 23 either Dr. Gray's methodology or 23 MR. OLANIRAN: Thank you. 24 24 Mr. Lindstrom's methodology or, frankly, any JUDGE BARNETT: If needed. 25 25 other witness' methodology in this proceeding, Mr. Boydston and Mr. Galaz, we're 549

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I mean, I can stand at a podium and fire questions at a witness and purport to raise issues that are material, but that alone is not sufficient to move the needle in terms of making an allocation to IPG.

In addition to that, none of the criticisms made by IPG has been quantified in any way, shape, or form, to the extent that those criticisms are even valid.

So even if you were to accept the validity of some of the criticism, there has been no quantification whatsoever in the record that would allow you to adjust what MPAA's proposal is with respect to the relative share between MPAA and IPG. There's nothing.

The Judges' decision to allow Mr. Boydston to cross-examine witnesses, even though IPG on its own didn't have any witness, was way too generous, at least in our view. But we lived with it.

But Mr. Boydston's cross-examination of any of the MPAA witnesses or SDC witnesses cannot invalidate testimony of otherwise going to take a brief recess while we all stretch our legs and get pens that have ink in them. We'll be at recess for 15 minutes.

(A recess was taken at 10:40 a.m., after which the hearing resumed at 11:01 a.m.) JUDGE BARNETT: Please be seated. Mr. Boydston, we're back on the

record.

MR. BOYDSTON: Thank you.

JUDGE BARNETT: Would you like to reserve time for rebuttal?

MR. BOYDSTON: Yes, I'd like to reserve ten minutes for rebuttal.

JUDGE BARNETT: All right. You may proceed.

MR. BOYDSTON: Thank you.

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MR. BOYDSTON: I'm going to start off basically with sort of a philosophical overview, if you will, and that is to address the issue about the use of viewership data, you know, in methodologies presented. Excuse me.

We're all aware of the ruling from the 2000 to 2003 proceeding in which the Judges

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said viewership -- I believe the phrase was a prime heuristic in this process. The Judges also, though, qualified that by saying at the same time, you know, the issues regarding subscribership also need to be looked at.

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The secondary question, then, becomes if viewership is to be looked at, is there sufficient data to do so? But let me -- but as I said, I want to address the first issue first and that is should we be looking at viewership at all?

And as we all know, the prior iterations of the CRB, the CRT and the CARP, issued a number of decisions which I don't need to go into detail. They have been detailed throughout the briefs. But they went into a lot of very detailed analysis about the use of viewership and concluded that it was being used -- or, rather, that focusing on viewership focused on the wrong thing for this process, because the decision of a cable system operator or a satellite system operator to pay this license fee for a particular station to be retransmitted, it really comes down to that CSO's decision about, you know, what are they

just never been a good explanation as to why there should be any distinction as to the appropriateness of a viewership approach in Phase II versus Phase I. And the best as I can discern from what has been written on that and what little explanation there has been, and just from my own thoughts on it, is that, okay, perhaps one can say that in Phase I, when you're looking at Phase I decision situation, you're focusing on a CSO choosing between different categories, sports, general programming, public broadcasting, Devotional programming, et cetera.

And in that process, he or she is choosing between general categories -generally defined categories of programming in such a way that you can say, okay, I, the CSO, I really need more sports and the sports I value more right now in this decision I'm making than I do religious programming and, therefore, at Phase I, we'll have, you know, an allocations that give a lot more to sports and a lot less to Devotional programming relative to each other.

But then, when you turn to Phase II,

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doing, why are they paying this?

And the analysis that was done previously and that has been done since is that the CSOs and SSOs really don't look at ratings, they're really not that interested in ratings when they do that; they're interested in how the relative -- the programming at issue fits within their potpourri of programming, if you will. And in that regard ratings just aren't a big consideration. And that's what has been testified to by prior witnesses.

And at the same time, it seems that the parties and the Judges have adopted a position on that or observed, rather, that, well, okay, in Phase I, that's one thing, but in Phase II, it's another thing. In other words, the prior decisions that I'm referring to, many of them are Phase I decisions, and, you know, that precedent sits out there. And yet it has not been adopted in recent proceedings with the rationale being, well, that was Phase I and this is Phase II.

And I've said this orally in different proceedings and we've said it in our briefs before, but I've never -- I feel like there has

that same analysis doesn't apply because theoretically -- or the Phase I categories are homogenous. And so the cable system operator or satellite system operator when they're looking at their decision and they're saying, okay, within the Devotional category, what programming do I want to choose? Well, the idea being since it's all homogenous anyway, they're not going to distinguish between different aspects of the programming. They're going to say what's the most popular program?

And if their decision on which of a set of Devotional programs they're going to choose is ultimately going to be based on which is most popular, one would look to ratings to say which is most popular.

The problem with that is that although the Phase I categories are homogenous to a degree, it's only to a degree, and actually when you get down to brass tacks, they're not all that homogenous, certainly not homogenous enough to make the assumption that when a CSO makes its choice, they're going to base it upon, you know, the popularity of the different programs within a category.

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And there's a couple ways to illustrate this, and I will give you the following. Let's assume that a CSO is trying to make a decision between Devotional programming. One would say, okay, if viewership is the primary heuristic, he's going to look and say which of these various programs that are on different stations I'm going to pay a license on, where is the most popular program, which station has the most popular

Devotional program?

Well, possibly the CSO may do that, but from all the evidence that has been presented in these proceedings going down through the years, it's clear — and it gets clearer that at the same time, if the choice was between, say, a Muslim religious program and a Baptist religious program, the decision of the CSO is not necessarily going to be based on popularity in terms of viewership but, rather, what fits and fulfills the niche marketing and niche programming needs of that CSO.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Mr. Boydston -- : MR. BOYDSTON: So in that analogy, the

criteria as we do in Phase I? Can you identify a witness and can you point us to any of the evidence?

MR. BOYDSTON: Well, I mean, the -- in this proceeding, obviously as you know, the prior testimony that we asked to have submitted was rejected, and so that's the elephant in the room that's not there, if you will.

At the same time, in her testimony, Toby Berlin acknowledged the -- these principles as well, and she had a very specific point where she said once a program is adopted, usually it doesn't get dropped because there's always some constituency for certain programming even if it's not -- doesn't have very high ratings or it's not very popular.

And in so doing, she -- and she made other comments as well that were consistent with that. And in so doing, I think it's fair to say that she, you know, acknowledged, what I'm saying here now, which is that a CSO, when it's looking at programming, a lot of times is looking at things other than ratings. They're looking at how it fits into their niche programming or -- excuse me -- does it fulfill

Baptist program may have much higher ratings than the Muslim religious programming.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Mr. Boydston -
MR. BOYDSTON: And that might look -
JUDGE STRICKLER: -- this is Judge

Strickler. Good morning. How are you?

MR. BOYDSTON: Good morning. Very
good. Thank you.

JUDGE STRICKLER: As I understand what you're arguing, you're basically saying that we need to import, if you will, some of the logic and rationale that we have in Phase I determinations, what we call now allocation determinations, into the Phase II or distribution proceedings. And you've laid out an argument and you've pointed generically to evidence that you've described as evidence in the proceedings over the years.

Can you identify for us any evidence by any witness in this proceeding that would support your argument that what CSOs do in terms of looking towards value in individual terms of looking towards value in individual terms of looking at here in the distribution proceeding, to do that we should apply the same

a particular niche they need to fulfill in their programming?

And in that regard, just to complete my analogy very briefly, if you're a CSO and you have a community, a Muslim community, that's in your area and you feel that they would probably -- you would attract subscribers if you had Muslim religious programming, you then might be more interested in paying for retransmission of a station that includes Muslim programming even though it gets a much lower rating than other religious programming in the same category, the same Devotional category.

And so that, I think, is consistent with what Ms. Berlin was saying in terms of the fact that, you know, sometimes even when you have things that are not -- that may be -- you know, that don't have very big ratings or very big audience, that's not a reason necessarily to not, you know, go ahead and pay the license to get that programming for the very good reason that it may fulfill programming that you don't have if you're that CSO.

I mean, the other thing too is that --

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and I would say -- I don't know that, you know, you characterize it as criteria in the Phase I proceeding. I think that's an accurate way to put it.

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But at the same time, there's no reason why it should only -- I guess my whole point is there's no reason why it should only be a criteria or consideration in Phase I. There's just really nothing about it logically that I think says you should -- that that analysis should be restricted to only situations in which you're judging category by category as opposed to judging programs and transmissions within a category.

You know, another analogy that could be made is, you know, in general programming, you -- the Program Suppliers category is, frankly, not very homogenous as is pointed out and is dramatized by Mr. -- Dr. Gray's analysis, in which he actually in this round, in this, in our present proceedings, he actually adopts as part of his methodology a metric in which he judges different programs differently based on different -- them falling into different categories within the Program

made of the MPAA methodology and the SDC methodology in the first round of this proceedings were essentially that there was insufficient -- or the Judges were uncomfortable with the level of data that was supporting the viewership analyses in both those methodologies.

And what we've seen here in this proceeding is that there's really not much more that's being added. In fact, there's very, very little in terms of data that has been added to either of these methodologies. They're essentially the same -- you know, almost the exact same data sets that occurred before.

And both the MPAA and the SDC state that, gee, you know, we did our best to find more data and we couldn't and we found what we found and there's nothing else out there and we're sorry, and just because we don't have that additional data, we shouldn't be -- you know, we shouldn't go throwing out our methodology.

You know, those, I think, are -- I hear what they're saying. They're practical

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Suppliers category, which very clearly shows up the lack of homo- -- general lack of homogeneity in the Program Suppliers category, such that, you know, it makes sense to focus on a CSO's decision-making outside of viewership when looking at his choice even within a category, i.e., in a Phase II scenario, as opposed to a Phase I scenario.

And so I think that logically flows. I think that it is supported by that portion of Ms. Berlin's testimony, and, you know, I realize that rulings have been made, but we all of us were present a couple years ago when Mr. Egan testified and said that, as a CSO, he never looked at ratings and he looked at those other factors about what fits where.

But, as I say, that's consistent -- to answer your question, I think that's consistent with Ms. Berlin's testimony.

Now moving to the second large picture, big picture point, and that is should we view -- you know, let's look at the quality, if you will, of using -- of the analysis based upon viewership.

And the criticisms that the Judges

realities to a degree, although I say to a degree because it was stated by, you know, Mr. Lindstrom and different witnesses: Well, yeah, it's possible there could have been more, but we couldn't get it within the time frame, et cetera, et cetera.

But the bottom line is if there's not enough data, there's not enough data. And that -- and as little as anyone wants to prolong this process, if that is the case, then these methodologies must be rejected and we need to go further down the road.

And as much as everyone may not want to do that, you know, the Judges are obligated to, quote, unquote, stick to their guns, stick to the law, stick to the rules, and order that if that is what is required.

You know, that sometimes hard choices or hard rulings like that have to be made. Frankly, the ruling that excluded all the past testimony that IPG intended on relying on was a pretty bitter pill to swallow, but it was made and that's what must be lived with. And that's what must be -- how we must move forward.

Similarly here, I think at the end of

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the day, the bottom line is there's not enough data here to support these viewership-based methodologies and so we need to go back to the drawing board.

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Now, I would point out that that problem, i.e., insufficient data, is not a problem when you look at certain other factors. For instance, you know, if you look to methodologies that have been proposed in the past by IPG, but also methodologies used by foreign collectives, such as the Canadian collective, the Australian collective, et cetera, there are metrics that are used in those different methodologies that have been offered in the past and are offered overseas, that suffer from no lack of data, specifically, with regard to things like subscribership, volume of programming, and time of day.

Those are all things where all the data is available from Tribune, from CDC, from the various sources available. And so it's not even a question of is there enough data to make those kinds of analyses and metrics; there is all the data you need to make those analyses. And so in stark contrast to a

Or another possibility which I mentioned in the past and I'll mention again, you know, it has always struck me that a third path here is for the Judges to retain a special master to look at different options and do an independent study, if you will, on a possible methodology from scratch.

You know, we've gone years and years for the parties trying to do this with relative lack of success, and I suggest that's a third possibility that I think should be considered.

I'll move now specifically to issues regarding the two individual methodologies. And I'll start out with the SDC.

As the SDC acknowledged, you know, this is essentially the same methodology that they've offered before. They're attempting to buttress it with some additional data from the HHHV -- that's actually the MPAA's HHVH data from the 2000-2003 time period. There's no additional data for the years 2004-2009.

Mr. Sanders said, you know, we tried to get more data and I'm not sure why we couldn't. And, you know, that is what it is, as they say.

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viewership-based methodology like has been |-- | is being presented here, where we have major gaps of data, major issues with the data when you get into the zero viewing problem and things like that, those other types of metrics have no data problems.

Now, one may have other criticisms of them, but you can't criticize them for a lack | of data because we can get all that stuff from Tribune and CDC, et cetera, and know exactly what program was broadcast or: -- excuse me :-retransmitted when and how many subscribers could potentially lay eyes on it, and at what time of day it was put on. Was it put on in prime time or was it put on in the middle of the night? Those are all things that can be determined with pretty much 100 percent certainty.

And I think that that is something that should be considered by you the Judges when you decide whether or not you're going to | go| forward and approve a distribution based on these methodologies that are presented to you with their problems, or should we be going back to the drawing board?

With regard to the use of that additional data, I point out Dr. Erdem relied on it, although he has no foundational standpoint from which to do so. I would argue that he has insufficient familiarity with it to begin with.

When it comes down to, you know, what the SDC actually do, they do two things. First of all, they go through this analysis in which they attempt to say, well, it's okay -- you know, they try to make the linkage between local ratings and distant viewership ratings, and they go through a lot of effort and try and say this is a correlation that is -- you know, we can live with, it's a correlation that is, you know, supported by the numbers.

But the bottom line is that there's very, very difficult problems with that. The two major data sets that are used are -- one is a national average local rating measure and then -- well, actually, I'm jumping ahead. That's with regard to the actual attribution of value itself.

With regard to the correlation, that's essentially the same thing that has been done

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before, although not very successfully, i.e., the MPAA attempted to make this same kind of correlation analysis in the first round of this proceeding, and it was rejected by the Judges.

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And, you know -- and in addition to that, the MPAA actually had more information and it was based on a greater amount of data, and the Judges rejected that. And so there's -- I think, by the same token here, you know, this alleged correlation between local ratings and distant viewership, it just isn't -- it isn't there.

And that's the entire predicate for Mr. Erdem's methodology. Well, I say entire predicate. The -- excuse me -- the SDC now say: Well, that's not just it. We're also relying heavily on Mr. -- or Ms. Berlin, rather, and -- excuse me -- Mr. Sanders in terms of their opinions on this subject.

With regard to Mr. Sanders, let's remember he has never been engaged by a CSO on what signals to import. And the SDC acknowledged this. He is only an expert on media valuation in a very general sense and has, you know, no expertise as to what

ratings like programs for kids, programs in particular, foreign languages, things like that -- that brought value to DirecTV.

That, Judge Strickler, is part of the testimony that I'm referring to that supports my point that it makes sense to look at that sort of a factor when making these decisions.

Excuse me. Her expertise by her own testimony was with local retransmissions, not distance retransmissions. And there's -that's a very different world. And she never gives any explanation why her understanding of local and her familiarity with local retransmissions would translate into knowledge of what a CSO or SSO would be interested in terms of distant retransmissions.

When she said that, oh, yeah, we looked at ratings, it was for a -- it was for stations, not particular programs. But, in addition to that, the fact is that the carry one, carry all law means that when a cable system operator has to carry -- wants to carry one or retransmit one local station, it has to retransmit all of them. And so, as a result, they're not even really making a station

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motivates a CSO to choose one of these -- one retransmission over another. And so one has to really put an asterisk next to the quality of his opinion that there's some sort of connection here.

In addition to that, he acknowledged that subscribership is, even though distant viewership is down. And yet, at the same time, he insists that there's a relationship between distance viewing and subscribership, which is just contradictory to the obvious point that if subscribership is up despite viewing going down, how can there be a positive correlation between the two?

With regard to Ms. Berlin, the fact of the matter is that her testimony is contradictory in many respects. She was at -where she worked that has -- well, where she works is DirecTV. DirecTV is not a cable system operator or a satellite system operator per se. It is a -- well, it is, but it is consisted almost entirely of cable networks, not retransmissions, retransmitted stations.

Her success, she says, came from getting small niche programming with low

-by-station decision over -- in that context because if they choose one, they've got to choose them all.

Back to my point that DirecTV was primarily cable networks, again, they only distantly retransmitted 9 to 11 stations during the period of 1999 to 2003. In contrast, over 2000 local retransmissions. And between the years 2004 to 2009, they only retransmitted 34 to 50 distant retransmissions.

So her expertise, to the extent she has it, is really restricted to local retransmissions, not distant retransmissions.

And so it is, you know, frankly implausible that Toby Berlin and DirecTV actually relied upon ratings in making decisions as to which distant retransmissions they were going to pay for and which they were not.

Getting back to the issue of the -well, that, anyway is -- getting back to the issue away from the individual testimony of Ms. Sanders -- or Mr. Sanders and Ms. Berlin on the correlation, again, just to reinforce the point, the MPAA when it tried this, it was

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dealing with many, many more, you know, many, many more programs and data points, if you will, than the -- the SDC is trying to do so here. | Mr. Erdem indicated that he had 60 data points to base this upon, which is essentially something like 12 programs per year.

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When I asked him, he said -- what would be too little? He said, well, I think that ten is enough. They're making a claim if 132 separate programs. Now, they made a qualification in their reply saying, well, it's not actually 132 programs; some are, you know, duplicates and things like that. Still, it's a large number of programs and over ten years. And if there were -- let's say there's not 132. Let's say there is 100. Even over ten years, that's a thousand potential data points.

And yet, they're basing this correlation on just 60 out of -- you know, out of that sort of a universe. And as a result, it really seems to be stretching the rubber band too far.

In addition, this correlation is not based on broadcasts, as they acknowledge. It's based upon annual averages of broadcasts and --

some share of these moneys.

The fact that they are not identified in this data is a problem with the data, not with the programs themselves. The SDC says: Well, a lot of them are specials and things like that, and we don't know when they're going to be programmed, and so if you were going to go and try and sell that to somebody, why would they be interested in buying it?

That is a criticism applicable perhaps to the actual market, but it is not an issue here in the hypothetical market in which we are operating. In the hypothetical market in which we're operating, if a program is retransmitted, by law it is entitled to recompense for that retransmission.

And it is not -- it is not an issue as to whether or not it was a special or if anyone knew ahead of time what kind of ratings it would get or how popular it would be, which is always the case anyway, because ratings are always after-the-fact information, which is, again, one of the better reasons why it's questionable as to whether or not it's appropriate to look at those sorts of things in

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which is just a completely different animal. And, therefore, there again, we're stretching the rubber band beyond its breaking point in that regard.

The comparisons too are only for 1999 to 2003. Those are the only years in which distant retransmission data has been obtained in these proceedings from the MPAA. And that's the limit to their ability to back this up with data. The --

Excuse me, I need to have a drink of water.

Now, as has been acknowledged by the SDC, their problem with this is that they acknowledge they -- in their analysis, they missed a number of Devotional programs. A number of Devotional programs do not come up in this data. And they say: Well, that's just tough, and that means there's no value to them and there's no proof that there is any value to them.

However, these are programs which we know were retransmitted and, therefore, we know that under the law, they should be entitled to some kind of a -- they should be entitled to

this context.

Mr. Erdem tries to address this issue of the missing programs with a volume analysis. You know, that volume analysis frankly, you know, is using a metric that has been criticized by the Judges in the past, for one thing, and the methodology, the reliability has been questioned by the Judges, so it's hard to know if that really should be done in the first place.

The other thing that the SDC analysis or methodology does is it attempts to make a valuation of satellite retransmissions based upon cable data. Now, this is despite the fact that the Mr. Lindstrom has testified that, in general, mixing data sets is a bad idea. But he testified to that in the context of using different data -- different Nielsen -- Nielsen diaries versus meters and other things like that within cable or within satellite.

It's a whole other level of a stretch to simply say, well, we're just going to guess that whatever the numbers say in cable inform us as to what goes on in satellite, despite the fact that programming line-ups in the two are

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completely different. The channels or stations, if you will, in the two are completely different. And, therefore, it seems like just an inappropriate, you know, way to attack the problem.

Let's talk a little bit about zero viewing, which applies in both circumstances to both methodologies. Again, the prior decisions have stated that the zero viewing problems are significant. And, granted that was in a phase — well, mostly in the Phase I proceedings, not entirely, but the point being that when we have that data problem with zero viewing, it is not something we can sweep under the rug.

That is what both the SDC and the MPAA do repeatedly. And for Erdem, he says that, you know, he's -- well, in both situations -- let me back up.

The edict from prior decisions was that if you're going to use ratings and viewership, you need to try to reduce the incidence of zero viewing in the data and you need to give an explanation as to why there is so much zero viewing in the data. Neither the SDC or the MPAA have done so.

replace the actual with something theoretical just doesn't seem like a good idea on any -- in any circumstance.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Mr. Boydston, if you recall my follow-up question was whether there was anything that was in the nature of some sort of a comparison that was undertaken by Dr. Gray or anyone else to identify whether or not the substitution of the projected data for the actual data showed consistency or inconsistency as between the projected and the actual data.

Are you aware of anything in the record that would shed some light on that?

MR. BOYDSTON: No, I am not aware of anything in the record that would shed some light on that.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Thank you.

MR. BOYDSTON: So it remains an open question, obviously.

Just give me one moment.

At this point, I want to turn more exclusively to the MPAA. So let me change gears and hats here for just a minute.

Now, again, the -- in terms of --

They have tried to, as I say, sweep the issue under the rug by basically saying, well, we're going to do our best to impute numbers into -- well, this is primarily MPAA -- impute numbers into zero viewing circumstances and then use all that information, again, to make averages and predictive analyses of what likely the level of viewership was in situations where there was zero viewing.

And, Judge Strickler, you had a question to this earlier, which is right on point, which is does it really make sense to replace actual data with made-up data or data that comes from a regression analysis? And I think, you know, that the logical answer is of course it doesn't.

And it wasn't really -- you didn't really get much of an answer as to why that's okay other than, well, you know, this is the methodology and it makes sense -- I think it makes sense within the methodology. It's really hard, I think, to accept that it makes sense to replace real numbers with numbers derived from an analytical process, which may have its merits or -- and demerits, but to

let's start with focusing on data and "what's new at this juncture." And the only thing that's new at this juncture is the addition of the 2008-2009 National People Meter distant viewing data. That's the only thing that has been added by Dr. Gray and the MPAA to their analysis.

First, right off the bat, let's recall that Mr. Lindstrom himself testified that — in past proceedings and this one as well, that it's not a good idea and, in fact, one should never mix these kinds of data, specifically these different kinds of Nielsen data.

And yet, that's exactly what ends up being done in this process. And that's -- and so the only thing that we're really adding -- that the MPAA is really adding to the equation in this round, as opposed to the last round, is that exact conduct, to take this National People Meter distant viewing data, add it to their analysis, and mix it with data from Nielsen that is of a completely different type.

Now, the other thing is that it's only for 2008-2009. That means that there is no data added for 2004 to 2007. And so we're

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really looking at here again basically a very, very, very narrow set of data.

And the result, then, that comes out of that is that IPG is entitled to just 0.46 percent -- well, of the 2000 satellite focus -- let me start all over again.

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Focusing on the 2000 satellite pool, the MPAA analysis concludes that IPG is entitled to just 0.46 percent of the 2000 satellite pool. As a way of illustration to show how disparate and out of whack that is with -- if you look at that same year, 2000 satellite, and you focus on the other metrics that Gray has looked at, including volume, et cetera, IPG is entitled to anywhere from 3.37 percent to 1.3 percent for that 2000 satellite pool.

So there is clearly -- there's clearly something off in that analysis. |In addition to that, from just a very generalized standpoint, when IPG -- the first proceeding that IPG participated in, in, I believe -- it was in the '90s, I think it was '98, '99, but I'm not positive. I'll get to that later on in my notes. But it's relevant to this point here so is relying on essentially a sliver of data, and part of that reason it's only a sliver of data is because of the incidents of zero viewing.

As we calculated it, it's basically about 6 percent of the distant retransmitted broadcasts from 2000 to 2003, and 6 percent of the retransmitted broadcasts from 2008 and 2009 have a positive measurement for distant viewership, i.e., over 90 percent instances of zero viewing because we're focusing on only the sweeps periods to begin with, which are 16 weeks, and then for the other 36 weeks, there's no measurements whatsoever. And so when you make that decision, we're talking about a very, very limited amount of information here.

Getting into some of the details of Gray's analysis, let's remember this, that he's attempting to predict distant viewership for broadcasts on 122 cable retransmitted stations during 2004. However, he only had local ratings data from 56 markets. And he did not say what number of 122 sampled retransmitted stations were covered by such markets. And those 56 markets are not a random sample. They're the 56 largest in the country.

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I want to bring it up.

In that prior proceeding, IPG was awarded -- I think it was about 0.22 percent. And that was based on just ten programs for one client, Litton Syndications. Here, we're looking at IPG with over 80 and, in some cases, over 100 different producers for each of the years in question.

And what is the conclusion from that? Despite that huge increase in volume of programming that IPG represents, it's only a little more than double. It simply doesn't make any sense, and it points up the weaknesses, I think, in this methodology and this approach.

And, therefore, it -- you know, I think -- where does that come from? | Well, again, I think it comes from, in part, from focusing on viewership, which is a mistake, and, Number 2, the fact that viewership, we just don't have sufficient data to make a reliable viewership calculation of these various amounts.

And the other problem, again, we go back to the problem that the Gray methodology

And so what you have is not a stratified sample of stations that are being retransmitted but a non-random sample of just the 56 biggest markets, which is certainly -you know, one, it's easy to say is can that really be predictive of viewing in locales where most of the distant retransmission goes on, which are largely rural areas as opposed to the 56 largest U.S. markets? It's a -- it's a problem. It's a very big problem.

Then we get into the other details about Gray's analysis, some of the other weaknesses. He imputed the retransmitted broadcasts with the average local ratings, programs of the same program type according to Tribune data and that are being broadcast during one of six to eight part-time slots.

There's no evidence what number of positive major distant measurements for 2000-2003 and 2008-2009, i.e., the non-zero viewing measurements, the positive measurements, were used to define the mathematical relationships for those metrics. There's no evidence whether such measurements were proportionate between broadcasts for IPG

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There's no evidence demonstrating what number of positive measures, distant measurements for 2000-2003 and 2008-2009 were used to define mathematical relationships with non-imputed local ratings measurements. Nor whether such measurements were proportionate between broadcasts for IPG programming and MPAA programming.

There's no evidence demonstrating what percentage of the positive measure of distant broadcasts for the years in question were of the aggregate, i.e., the positive measured and unmeasured distant broadcasts of cable and satellite for 2000-2009. Nor is there evidence whether such percentages, again, were proportionate between broadcasts for IPG programming and MPAA programming.

Despite this, Gray then predicts that distant viewerships to all distant retransmitted broadcasts appeared in his sampled stations.

Consequently, when a distant viewership is an imputed local rating, then the same indicia that resulted in the imputed

ratings and distant viewership data reflected serial viewing, Grav still imputes this positive figure to both of them.

The regressions that he does this with are calculations of averages of positive numbers. As a result, after imputing his rejections of distant viewing, which are, he says, less than 1 percent of his entire -- less than 1 percent, he is imputing his prediction of distant viewing for 100 percent of the retransmitted broadcasts. He's imputing a positive viewership figure to no less than the 94 percent of occasions on which there is no distant viewership. Again, the problem with this is not really explained, it's not solved, and it remains one of the weaknesses in using this kind of data. Excuse me.

And, again, another observation about this regression analysis. If all of the criteria utilized to impute this local rating is based upon -- it's based upon averages of positive numbers, and then it's factored against other positive numbers in order to predict distant viewership. It's a foregone conclusion that there appear to be a positive

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rating are again used to predict that distant viewership and -- constituting essentially a double factoring of the same indicia as part of the prediction of distant viewership.

Using 2000 satellite as an example, Gray asserts a correlation between the local ratings and distant viewership for IPG-represented programming but based on approximately only, again, 6 percent of the actual retransmitted broadcasts that recorded a positive measurement, then reduced by an unknown percentage of broadcasts for which Gray didn't have Nielsen local ratings because the broadcasts appeared on stations not appearing in the top 56 markets.

Then he asserts a correlation for his volume measurement that reflects -- strike that. Strike that. It was -- that's argument. I already went over that and that's an incorrect point here.

The bottom line is that what Gray ends up doing is he supplants -- as we said before and they acknowledge, he supplants the Nielsen distant viewership actually measured with his prediction of viewership. And where both local

relationship between the local rating and the distant viewership figure because the predicted distant viewership figure is a product of the imputed local viewership rating.

Now, one of the most interesting things, I think, that happened at the hearing last month was, toward the end of his testimony on cross-examination, Dr. Gray made a remarkable admission that his methodology does not measure relative market value according to the CSO or SSO's criteria but, rather, he said, that relative market value corresponds to the price that -- excuse me -- that the relative market value corresponds to what an owner of content would sell their program to a broadcaster of such content as opposed to a

I think, if I'm quoting correctly, Gray said the relative market value corresponds -- no, strike that. That was in his written statement.

But the result is that Gray actually constructed his methodology on the incorrect assumption that the willing seller is the copyright owner and the willing buyer is a

broadcast station, not a cable system operator or a satellite system operator.

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His methodology basically is not hitting the mark here because, of course, the broadcaster is not the end result. In an unregulated market, the copyright owner is selling to the broadcaster, and then the broadcaster is — would license these, is what Gray said. In other words, he was saying, oh, I'm looking at this as the owner selling to the broadcaster and then the broadcaster licensing on to the CSO. That is not the construct that we are required to look at here.

The construct we are required to look at here is what would happen in a hypothetical market when the owner of the content is selling that content to the cable system operator? And it's important because of the philosophical focus at issue here. The philosophical focus must be from the viewpoint of the cable system operator and his decision upon what programs to buy and what not to buy.

have no reason to look at ratings when they do that. | A broadcaster has a reason to look at

Nielsen study was not useful because it measured the wrong thing." Again, his rationale for that is that viewership is all important. And, clearly, the reason he thinks that is because he thinks he should be focusing on a broadcaster's interest in programming, not a CSO or SSO's interest in broadcasting.

Now, Dr. Gray also does some interesting things in his analysis. He injects a number of factors into his analysis that have been ruled on previously by the Judges as being factors that were impermissible or maybe not a good idea to look at.

And he begins with this analysis to a degree by saying that the Program Suppliers category is relatively homogeneous. And, actually, the way he then conducted his methodology is based on assumption that it's not homogeneous.

And I say that because what he does is he puts in different values for different types of programming. One value, for instance, under health programming, he applies a coefficient of negative 2.43; whereas for music programming, he employs a positive coefficient of 0.90.

ratings when they do that because they are selling advertising time and they want something predicted with viewing

The cable system operator or satellite system operator is not generally selling any advertising except for in rare, small circumstances. They instead are trying to attract subscribers.

says, well, the highest currency in this analysis is viewership, he's right, to the extent he's focused on the wrong thing, i.e., what are the broadcasters' interests. And I think that basically undermines his entire testimony.

He's saying I'm focusing on viewership. Viewership is the highest currency. Viewership is what is important. Because he has misidentified what his job was. That's all correct if the buyer is the broadcaster. It's not correct if the buyer is a cable or satellite system operator.

He disagrees that Dr. -- he said he disagrees with the prior rulings by the CARP and the CRT that found that the Nielsen -- "the

Basically saying that, oh, all these homogenous — all these programs of Program Suppliers category which are supposed to be homogenous really aren't actually homogenous at all, and different types of programming, some within the category, are more valuable than others.

Then he also puts a -- throws another variable in there, which is station affiliation. He divides the stations into three different categories, network, CW, and independent, again with different coefficients attached to each one of those.

For both those factors, the different station affiliations and the different types of programming, nowhere in his testimony does he explain why he does these — makes these distinctions or why he should make these distinctions or why these distinctions are — should be in his analysis or should not. It's just he throws them in and doesn't give any explanation but does go out of his way to say that they're very important and they're very significant and they play a big part in the overall value that he ends up assigning to the parties here. Excuse me.

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Now, let's focus for a minute on just a couple comments about -- back to zero viewing and that issue. Specifically, note that Mr. Lindstrom acknowledges that zero viewing goes on. Dr. Gray acknowledges that zero viewing is there and is a problem, although he tends to define it differently and tries to change the nature of it in terms of his explanation of how he deals with it or doesn't deal with it.

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But the bottom line is there's no calculation of the levels of zero viewing in the Nielsen data. And Mr. Lindstrom never attempted to make that distinction or that calculation, rather, nor was he ever directed to. Nor does Dr. Gray. Despite the fact that we have, you know, we have these high instances of zero viewing.

In the '93 and '97 cable proceedings, the Librarian found that 73 percent of distant retransmissions had zero viewing and that it varied station by station to station greatly. In one point -- excuse me -- 8 of 82 stations had zero viewing in 90 percent of their broadcasts, including WCBS, the New York City

calculation and analysis but never explained why, and it wasn't explained in the MPAA's papers either.

JUDGE BARNETT: Mr. Boydston, excuse me, just so you know, you are at 50, 5-0, minutes at this time.

MR. BOYDSTON: Yes, thank you. I appreciate that. At this point, I will -- I will conclude for the moment and save that five minutes. I think the points have been sufficiently raised so I'll pass the baton and retain that five minutes. Thank you.

JUDGE BARNETT: Actually, I said 50, as in 5-0. You have ten minutes.

MR. BOYDSTON: Oh, thank you, Your Honor. Well, that's great. Then I'll -- thank you. Then I'll retain the ten minutes.

JUDGE BARNETT: Great. Thank you. We are not going to take a noon recess. We're going to go ahead and finish everyone's rebuttal before we break for the day.

> So, Mr. MacLean? MR. MacLEAN: Thank you, Your Honor. JUDGE BARNETT: And you do have five

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affiliate. So it just dramatizes the extent of the problem of zero viewing when you have the CBS affiliate in the largest city in the country generating zero viewing 52 percent of the time.

And Mr. Lindstrom says, you know, he actually knows that zero viewing instances have increased over time. Dr. Gray agrees in a sense, saying there is a reasonably high instance of zero viewing in not just the 2000-2003 data, but also in this "new Nielsen data" for 2008-2009. So the problem is pernicious and not addressed and not calculated.

Dr. Gray said he had not calculated the instance of zero viewing for the 2000-2009 local ratings data. He acknowledged that there's only 16 weeks of sweeps available with -- and 80 percent of that has zero viewing, and that for the remaining 36 weeks, there's no data whatsoever.

When you put those calculations together, as I said, it adds up to 94 percent zero viewing across the board.

Dr. Gray disagreed with that

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> MR. MacLEAN: Thank you. I thought it was seven.

JUDGE BARNETT: Oh, you're right. I stand corrected, you have seven minutes.

MR. MacLEAN: Thank you, Your Honor. REBUTTAL ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR SETTLING DEVOTIONAL CLAIMANTS

MR. MacLEAN: Okay. So I first want to respond to this point relating to the difference between Phase I and Phase II. It is a point that Mr. Boydston has made before, and this time he did go through some of the reasons why there is, in fact, a difference between Phase I and Phase II.

And the bottom line is in Phase I, we're talking about non-homogeneous programming that's directed toward different audience segments, different segments of potential subscribers and actual subscribers to attract and retain them.

In Phase II, we are to a greater degree predominantly dealing with more homogeneous programming directed to the same audience. And that's certainly true within the

Devotional category.

JUDGE STRICKLER: You say to a degree. It sounds like you and Mr. Boydston are not really disagreeing in that there's no sharp line between categorization and homogeneity of programming, but I assume that you would agree with that, but tell me if you don't.

MR. MacLEAN: Well, I certainly agree there's not a sharp line and that's true for many, many things that nevertheless we have to make judgments about. However --

JUDGE STRICKLER: That's where I thought you were going. Your point is that the categorization, the demarcation has been made between allocation and distribution proceedings and we should maintain that wherever that degree of homogeneity is sufficient to make the cleave, we should make the cleave? Continue to make the cleave?

MR. MacLEAN: Yes, you should and cable system and satellite system operators also draw that distinction. And that is in the record.

Mr. Boydston raised the possibility, well, what about, you know, the difference

this exact question, and I will read it:

"Judge Strickler: I have a question for you." This is on pages 82 to 83. "I have a question for you. When you look at religious programming at a particular -- as a particular niche, you say you relied on ratings predominantly to decide which ones would be most attractive; is that correct?

"The witness: Yes.

"Judge Strickler: Did you ever do any sub-niche work, so as to distinguish between whether or not you wanted more evangelical religious programming or more Catholic programming? I noticed you mentioned something from the University of Notre Dame in your testimony. Did you ever get that granular within religious programming or you treated all religious programming as homogeneous for purposes of making your business decision?

"The Witness: For the religious programming, I treat it as pretty homogeneous. And I relied on the ratings information to tell me what was the most popular in those DMAs or out-of-market DMAs.

"Judge Strickler: Thank you."

between Christian programing and Muslim programming and so forth? Well, you know what, from my perspective, there should be Muslim programming. I wish there were Muslim programming. And if there were, we would hope that they would join the Settling Devotional Claimants, and we would — I would understand the argument that maybe we would need, you know, to address that methodologically to distinguish the fact that those are addressed towards different audience segments. But that's not the case here, and IPG has

We do have evidence to the contrary, that Devotional programming, in particular, in this proceeding, is particularly homogeneous. You can find this in Exhibit 7001, that's Mr. Sanders written direct testimony, on page 17, where he makes the point that the Devotional programs claimed in this proceeding are predominantly Christian programs and are regarded as homogeneous.

introduced no evidence whatsoever.

Probably more to the point, if you look at Exhibit 7003, which is Ms. Berlin's oral testimony, you, Judge Strickler, asked you

So this is directly addressed in our evidence. IPG has no evidence on this -- on this subject.

Ms. Berlin's testimony was not contradictory. She acknowledged, yes, you need those niche programs to attract different market segments, but when you're looking within a niche, you want that, the programming that's going to attract the largest portion of that market segment, and that's why at this level when you're talking about homogeneous programming, why we look at — why Ms. Berlin looks at ratings, why Mr. Sanders looks at ratings for appraisal purposes. That's on the general theoretical discussion about why ratings matter in Phase II and why it's less important in Phase I.

Now to go to our particular data that we, the Settling Devotional Claimants, rely on. Mr. Boydston said we're mixing data sets because we use HHVH as sort of a confirmatory analysis.

No, we do not mix data sets. Our methodology relies on local -- on average local ratings scaled by the number of distant

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When we use the HHVH data, the distant HHVH data, it is for analysis to confirm the experience and expertise of those industry witnesses that we have who, based on their own experience and their own common sense and their own understanding of the market, tell us we can use local ratings to make predictions about how programs will perform in neighboring markets.

We just want to make sure that those -- that these -- that the conventional wisdom isn't out to lunch because sometimes conventional wisdom is wrong. And so that's why we relied initially on only 1999 HHVH data because that's all we had at the time. Now we rely on 1999 to 2003 data, not for our methodology, not to calculate shares, but solely to do hypothesis tests. And a hypothesis test in statistics is a -- it means something specific. It means a test of the usually null hypothesis to see is there a correlation and is it an actual correlation or just chance.

And that's what we -- that's exactly what Dr. Erdem has done, several regressions

programs. What often happens is you'll have a regularly scheduled Devotional program and then they'll have like a Christmas special, an Easter special, other things that are in support of that program.

And so, again, there's just no -there's no evidence of viewership of those programs. There's no evidence of value. If IPG had evidence, they should have presented it. And I see by the look on your face, Your Honor, that I'm out of time.

JUDGE BARNETT: You are out of time, Mr. MacLean.

> MR. MacLEAN: Thank you. JUDGE BARNETT: You're very intuitive.

Mr. Olaniran. You have 25 minutes reserved.

MR. OLANIRAN: Thank you. I'm hoping I don't have to use all of them.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR MPAA-REPRESENTED PROGRAM SUPPLIERS MR. OLANIRAN: Most of the arguments that Mr. Boydston argued, we've covered, I

think, adequately in our response to IPG's proposed findings, so I just want to address a

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showing that correlation is positively and statistically significantly -- that the local ratings are positively and statistically significantly related to the distant viewership information that we have for those years that we have it, and also that it does not degrade over time and doesn't vary from year to year. But viewing levels vary from year to year over time because there are changes in the market. But what Dr. Erdem's analysis would suggest, consistent with the experience of Mr. Sanders and Ms. Berlin, is that changes in the market tend to affect local and distant viewing in similar ways in similar directions.

Mr. Boydston says, well, we know there are other retransmitted programs. Actually, there's no evidence on that. What the record shows is exactly six IPG-claimed broadcasts, not programs, broadcasts in the 11 years at issue in this proceeding that don't appear in the -- in the data.

Now, I'm certainly not saying that there aren't other programs that are missing. I mean, we acknowledge that our RODPs in particular only cover those regularly scheduled couple of what I think are probably the ones that stood out.

I think Your Honor asked the question earlier about the criticism that Dr. Gray supplanted the actual Nielsen viewing data with his projected viewing data. And I had a minute to -- and I think Mr. Boydston also made the same argument a few minutes ago. And so two things occurred to me, having had a chance to think about it a little bit.

The first was that the MPAA -- the Nielsen data that was provided to us was based on the larger NPM database analysis. And then you have Dr. Gray's analysis, which was a projection using all the various -- the different variables within the regression input to project an overall.

So, in essence, what would have happened is that you would have had two different results, two different methodologies that you would have had to -- you would have been using in presenting overall results. And I think that would have been somewhat of a challenge. That's the first point.

The second point is that, in the

2000-2003 decision, Dr. Gray tested the supplant methodology as to whether -- what the outcome could be. And I think the outcome would have favored MPAA.

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And the reason that's important is that in that proceeding, the 2000-2003 diary data that we're relying on in this proceeding is the same as the 2000-2003 diary data that was used in that proceeding, and |Dr. | Gray | accurately makes a note of that in a footnote in his testimony. And I think in -- I think the cite to that decision is 78 FR 64996 with respect to the portion of the decision that you addressed that issue.

With respect to zero viewing in Mr. Boydston's argument, he appears to be conflating zero viewing levels between distant signals and local ratings. I think both the testimony of Mr. Lindstrom and Dr. Gray make it clear that there's actually very little amount of zero viewing with respect to local ratings. So I think - in that argument, I think Mr. Boydston was just flat wrong about that.

And I'm actually surprised that we're still -- that IPG is still debating zero

testimonies.

Mr. Boydston also said that -basically says generally data -- there was insufficiency of data. And he clearly ignores the fact that in this further proceeding, we have four additional sets of data, the '08 and '09 cable and satellite.

And, as I mentioned earlier, this is -- the amount of observations that were available for Dr. Gray to perform his analysis pretty much doubled by the addition of that

So I completely disagree, we completely disagree with the idea that we don't have sufficient data. But to be guite clear, if I were in IPG's shoes, I'd be arguing that there isn't enough data. Of course, IPG has not produced any testimony. They have not produced any witness. They have not advocated any particular methodology.

So it's rich sitting on the sidelines watching all of the parties that have produced a tremendous amount of data, expended several amounts of resources to produce information, notwithstanding the hardship that I think both

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viewing at this point, notwithstanding how articulate the Judges were in the '00-'03 decision as to what zero viewing is and what it really means. And as to multiple testimony by Dr. Gray and Mr. Lindstrom as to what zero viewing means.

Zero viewing, according to Mr. Lindstrom's testimony, it is meaningless to focus on data points within a larger amount of data. And zero viewing doesn't mean nobody is watching. Zero viewing simply means it's not recorded viewing. It is non-recorded viewing within a sample, not the entire universe.

And he even gave a couple of examples where -- I think it was the cable network viewing, where he said about 65 percent, that 65 percent level of zero viewing and the 7 billion of advertising resting on that. | And he mentioned that in his testimony.

And Mr. Lindstrom also said that zero viewing is to be expected because viewing of distant signals, in general, is very low.

So, I mean, I hope we don't continue to harp on this over and over again because I think it has been beaten to death in multiple MPAA and I believe SDC too have had to go through to accurately produce something.

So for someone that didn't produce anything, I find it really interesting that they can sit on the sidelines and say, oh, yeah, there's not enough data, let's go have another proceeding or let's go have a special master come up with a methodology to do it. And I don't think legally we can do that. But I just find it generally interesting that IPG is taking that position.

JUDGE STRICKLER: When you say legally we can't do it, are you making reference to the special master proposal that he made?

MR. OLANIRAN: Yeah, and I don't know anywhere in the statute that permits a special master. Maybe Mr. Boydston knows, but I'm not aware of how that would be done under the current statutory provisions.

But, again, the idea that there's not enough data is baffling. Not only the '08-09, we do have local ratings that run from 2000 through 2009 for all the stations in the sample. I just -- I think it just shows a complete lack of appreciation of what the

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information did.

JUDGE STRICKLER: Well, the effort alone wouldn't be sufficient. The effort has to be sufficient to be able to show, with some reliability, or the three C's as Mr. MacLean utilizes, that it's persuasive enough for us to rely on. And he's -- while Mr. Boydston's client did not and Mr. Boydston did not produce any evidence contrary, if their cross-examination is otherwise effective to show that you didn't meet whatever threshold we require, we would be back in the same ballpark as we were back before May of 2016, right?

MR. OLANIRAN: I don't disagree with it. My argument is not just that the effort was extraordinary. I think the effort actually answered the questions that Your Honors asked us, and what would have been nice was -- would have been to see IPG actually present evidence in this proceeding that actually justified whatever position they're advocating, which no one knows at this point.

JUDGE STRICKLER: And it would have been nice for you to see it?

cable and satellite compulsory licenses, are administered. They are not a function of the market. Aggregate of program categories are not a function of the market in the sense that, you know, there's no evidence in this record that people go out in the market and say, well, okay, you know, we have Devotional programs that's worth a showing. Individual programs, the statute provides for compensation of copyright owners, and copyright owners have works, and the question is what is the value of each work, whether it's in aggregate form or individual form?

And, by the way, Mr. Boydston referred to this '93-'97 Phase II decision by the register. That decision, even though we pointed out during the proceeding that it's now vacated, that decision actually says that viewership, viewing should be used in Phase I, not Phase II.

So we're sort of caught in the middle, but I think from our approach, we're very consistent that viewing is the core metric for valuing programs, whether you do it on an individual basis, which our methodology allows

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MR. OLANIRAN: Yes.

With regard to the Phase I versus Phase II argument and as to whether or not -whether or not viewing is better in one phase versus the other in all of the proceedings that have gone on before the Judges, for MPAA, we have been very consistent with regard to the methodological approach. Whether it's Phase I or Phase II, we have always based our methodology or our approach to allocation of royalties on some sort of -- some type of viewer-based -- viewership-based approach.

And reason that -- at the core of that, of that approach, is that we don't see any basis in economics or in law for why there should be a different methodology for when you aggregate individual programs versus when you're trying to price -- when you're looking at individual programs.

The core standard is relative market value of the programming, and so we don't make the distinction whether it's Phase I or Phase II, because Phase I or Phase II or allocation or distribution phases are basically a product of how the compulsory licenses, at least with

you to do, or whether you do it on an aggregate basis.

But, again, for -- you know, Mr. Boydston criticized Dr. Grav's approach, which he claims -- which Mr. Boydston claims is on an incorrect assumption that the buyer of the content is the broadcaster. I don't -- I haven't heard or there is nothing in the record about what IPG's market theory is. There is nothing in the record about who is the buyer. There is nothing in the record, at least from IPG's perspective, who the seller is, what type of market they're in, and so on and so forth.

So it's very easy to make such criticism when you don't have it in the record. I think with that I will rest. Thank you, Your Honors.

JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you, Mr. Olaniran.

Mr. Boydston, you have ten minutes. MR. BOYDSTON: Thank you, Your Honor. REBUTTAL ARGUMENT BY COUNSEL FOR

INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS GROUP MR. BOYDSTON: You know, the thought that came to me here in just these last few

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minutes was, my gosh, this has been going on for something like 25 years. And when I say this has been going on for 25 years, the struggle to arrive at a viewership-based methodology has been going on at least that long. I mean, you know, some of the earliest decisions on this point were actually published in the Federal Register in early '90s.

Some of the more rigorous analysis was done, you know, ten years after that, and less than ten years after that. And the bottom line is what has happened over that period of time?
We find ourselves basically right in the same snot

You, the Judges, in ruling on the first round in these proceedings said, you know what, both of these methodologies have data problems and we need something more.

And what have you got? It's before you. You didn't get much. And the question then becomes if you go ahead and say, well, you know what, we're just going to have to plow forward here and we're not going to make the parties go back to the drawing board, we've got to move forward, this has gone on forever,

a conundrum that is not well served by going ahead and saying, well, yeah, we had problems with these things, and, you know, we're just going to go ahead and accept them anyway.

With regard to more specific matters, with regard to the issue of homogeneity and Ms. Berlin's testimony, let's remember that — the limitations on Ms. Berlin. One of the things that I don't know if I pointed out to begin with or not, but DirecTV did not have any formal relationship with Nielsen at the time that she worked there. They didn't have any regular supply of ratings information.

When they did obtain ratings information, it was only -- it was local broadcast ratings, information acquired after -- from a variety of sources with ratings on the local broadcasts, not the distant retransmitted broadcasts.

So when she gives her testimony, that's the basis of it. It's not analogous — it's not applicable here. It's inapposite. It's local retransmissions, not distant retransmissions.

And that's a distinction with a

we're going to go ahead and, you know, grit our teeth and say, okay, our questions weren't really answered, we don't feel like we were -our demands were satisfied in terms of the data available or the data that we would like to see, we're going to issue a ruling anyway.

Well, we all know where this will end up. It will end up in the Court of Appeals.

And then the question for the Court of Appeals — that will be made to the Court of Appeals will be: Well, the Judges issued this, these critiques. Here is the answer.

And if you go ahead and approve these methodologies anyway, what we'll be saying to the Court of Appeal is the Judges raised these critiques; this is the response, which is half a loaf or worse, and they went ahead and issued a distribution anyway. That seems arbitrary. That seems like it ought to be reversed.

You know, would the Count of Appeals reverse? Who knows. But that's kind of what we're looking at here.

And so I think, you know, from a big picture standpoint, that's the conundrum before Your Honor, Your Honors, and I think that it's

difference because, you know, in the circumstances in which you're looking at distant retransmissions, you're talking about different types of communities. And, generally, you're speaking probably smaller population groups where your niche programming demands are going to be unique in the sense that if you've got a small cable system with 10,000 subscribers, but you happen to be in a place in the country where there are a lot of Lithuanians living, that's going to skew your decision-making.

With regard to Mr. MacLean's point about, you know, that there's testimony that most of the Devotional programming is Christian, okay, that's true, and Christian, you know, but within Christianity, we all know, there are very, very different types of —well, there are very different religious groups within Christianity, with different types of styles of preaching, different, you know — I don't want to get too intense on this because it's religion and it's a sensitive subject.

But the fact of the matter is that it's not simply a situation saying, well, it's

Docket Nos. 2012-6 CRB CD (2004-2009) (Phase II) and 2012-7 CRB SD (1999-2009) (Phase II) 616 1 that he's focusing on that relationship instead 1 homogeneous because it's all Christian. There 2 of the relationship that the law says we have 2 is a big difference between many Baptist 3 churches and the way they work and Catholic 3 to focus on, which is between the owner of 4 churches and the way they work. 4 content and the cable system operator or 5 And I submit to you that I think it's 5 satellite system operator. common sense that their programming is probably I think that testimony and that focus 6 6 is fatal to Dr. Gray's philosophical approach 7 different as well and reflects that. And it's 7 8 and to his devotion to viewership. And I think 8 not homogeneous. 9 9 So, again, I think that it does make based on that, that is another very good reason 10 10 sense to look at these kind of issues in Phase to be suspicious or to be cautious or not want II because if you're a cable system operator 11 to embrace a viewership-based methodology. 11 and you're in a community that has, say, a 12 And with that, I have nothing further, 12 13 and I thank the Judges for their attention and 13 large Lutheran contingent, you may want to 14 14 choose -- your motivation in rebroadcasting a their diligent work on this matter. religious program might be that you'll 15 JUDGE BARNETT: Thank you, 15 16 rebroadcast a low-rated Lutheran program as 16 Mr. Boydston. 17 opposed to a higher-rated Catholic program 17 Before we close up, I offer an apology 18 because, again, what you're after is 18 to everyone, in particular Ms. Blaine. I know subscribers, not selling doughnuts on TV. 19 that you have probably all corresponded with 19 So I think that that's consistent with 20 20 her, but I failed to acknowledge that she is 21 common sense and with what we have in front of 21 here today as our hearing room clerk, and we 22 22 appreciate her filling in. And I hope you had us here. 23 23 Quickly, on the -- Mr. Olaniran made a chance to meet her in person. 24 24 the point or referred to the decision that was And with that, I will say thank you to 25 25 vacated in the earlier proceeding. Yes, that you all for your diligence. It is, I think, 615 1 1 decision was vacated. our shared hope that we can bring this matter 2 However, in the decision the Court --2 to a conclusion without further delay, further 3 the panel, rather, said, yes, we're vacating 3 undue delay. And it is our mission to tackle this decision because this matter has been 4 this consolidated proceeding and all of the 4 5 settled, but that does not change or should not 5 evidence we now have before us and to see if we diminish the impact or the importance of our can bring it to a close. Thank you again. 6 6 7 7 observations in this decision, i.e., the And we are adjourned. observations that they made in those decisions. 8 (Whereupon, at 12:20 p.m., the hearing 8 9 It's a small point but, yes, it was 9 concluded.) made a lot in the papers, and I just want to 10 10 point out, despite the fact that that decision 11 11 was vacated, the logic of it was not by the 12 12 13 very language used by the panel when it wrote 13 14 14 the decision. 15 15 I think the final point I'd like to make is with regard to the MPAA. Again, 16 16 17 17 Dr. Gray is looking at the wrong thing. 18 Dr. Gray admitted on the stand under oath that 18 19 19 his -- that he is looking at the construct in which an owner of copyright is selling their 20 20 21 material to a broadcaster. And consistent with 21 that, he said, that's why viewership is 22 22 23

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